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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Plans

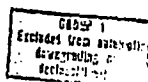
**SUBJECT : Request for Approval to Continue
Employment of Certain Contract Employees**

1. Project TPMURILLO was approved in 1964. Its purpose is to enable the CI Staff to identify, locate, analyze, and collate overt texts on the RIS so that data on the Soviet services, their personnel, and their operations may be extracted and prepared for inclusion in Soviet GICS, a computer program. The project deals principally with historic information which enables us to chart the organization of the RIS, to identify its personnel, and to unravel its operations since the inception of the service in 1917.

2. For this purpose we hired a group of contract employees who had previously been used as agents on various CS projects. The group includes defectors whose information had for the most part been disseminated and for whom no other duties were at hand at the time. All of them are U.S. citizens. Several of these employees have now reached the age of sixty or more and are to be retired in accordance with recent regulations.

3. Each employee in this group has specialized expertise, knowledge and skills which have been acquired through the years and which are of particular value to the project because of their vintage. It is

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precisely the age factor which makes these employees valuable assets and indispensable to the continued functioning of the project. Each has a deep personal understanding of the historic time frame in which he must deal, and each of them had some direct knowledge at the time of some of the RIS operations which the group is now in the process of analyzing and recording. Because of their unique skills, experience, and knowledge, as well as the fact that each of them can handle a number of foreign languages, including the Slavic tongues, they are also useful for non-research purposes and have from time to time been called upon by various CS components to assist in ongoing operations. Thus we do not view the members of this group solely as headquarters contract employees but handle them, rather, as agent personnel.

4. A brief summary of each employee's background and present utility is attached. It is noteworthy that no employee in this group has had any health problems and that none has used undue amounts of sick leave since joining the project. At the conclusion of each summary we have indicated when we plan to retire each person. (Continued employment is, of course, contingent upon future renewals of the project and the availability of funds). Deterioration in physical conditions or the appearance of disabling factors will lead to our review of each case with OMS.

5. Accordingly, we request that exceptions to HR 20-44 be granted to each employee identified in the attachment and that the projected date of retirement be approved.

 Deputy Chief
Counter Intelligence Staff

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2. Mario K. GIORDANO served as an officer in Estonian military intelligence before World War II and rose to the rank of major. During the war he worked for German military intelligence (Abwehr) and was involved in countless anti-Soviet operations. In 1951 he was recruited by the CS and worked on contract in a variety of SB operations involving agent spotting, recruitment, training, handling, etc. He entered the US with our assistance in 1952 and continued to work as an SB contract employee on a variety of projects until July 1970. Since then he has worked for project TPMURILLO as an analyst and inputter of data on the RIS. His wide range of experience in combatting Soviet intelligence operations while he served in Estonian and German intelligence affords us a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into RIS activities of yore. GIORDANO is an exceptionally gifted researcher and has prepared several valuable studies. In addition to his native Estonian, he also has a fluent command of Russian and German. He is now 68 years of age and we plan to retire him in 1976. His present grade is GS-12/2 (\$16,395).

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